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**TESTIMONY OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANDRE BAKER IN FAVOR OF  
HJ No.22 VETERANS COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Good morning, Senator Marx, Representative Nolan, Representative Delany, Senator Maroney, Senator Gordon, Representative Vail, and distinguished members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. For the record, my name is Andre Baker, State Representative for the 124th District, representing the town of Bridgeport. I would like to first start by thanking you for reserving House Joint No. 22. *A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Members of the 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Directory Battalion* for a public hearing and the opportunity to speak here today.

The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was a historical unit of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II. These women, also known as the "Six Triple Eight," played a crucial role in processing and delivering millions of mails to American soldiers overseas.

Recognizing and honoring the members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion is a deserving and appropriate gesture. These women demonstrated remarkable bravery, dedication, and hard work in challenging conditions, significantly contributing to the war effort.

Their service deserves to be remembered and celebrated, not only for its historical significance but also for inspiring future generations. This bill recognizes and honors these women's legacy and sacrifices and would serve as a reminder of the vital role women have played in our nation's military history. I support bill No. 22 and urge its passage to honor the memory of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion and to recognize the critical contributions of these trailblazing women.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of this bill and I would be more than glad to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Baker Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

Andre Baker Jr.

State Representative for the 124<sup>th</sup> District